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Re: Application/Control Number 10/605,157;
Art Unit: 2182;
Examiner: Kim Huynh
Response to Office Action of 4/22/05

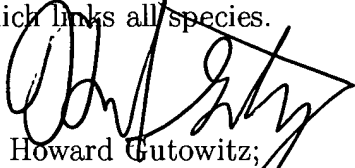
Restriction Requirement I

The subject matters of claim 17 and claims 1-16,18-20 are both in the domain of keystroke interpretation systems. In particular, claim 17 recites keystrokes and a mechanism to display Hiragana symbols in response to keystrokes. It is proper to include claims of varying scope within the total scope of an invention. This restriction requirement, based on an argument of diversity of subject matter, is thus respectfully traversed. In event that the Examiner does not reconsider and withdraw, and in accordance with 37 CFR 1.143 the applicant provisionally elects claims 1-16,18-20.

Restriction Requirement II

Applicant respectfully traverses the second restriction requirement as these species are properly claimed according to 37 C.F.R. 1.141. Each species is claimed in a dependent claim depending from the generic claim 1, as admitted by the Examiner. Therefore, this second restriction requirement is unwarranted, and applicant respectfully requests that the second restriction requirement be withdrawn.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.143, the applicant provisionally elects the species of cHiragana to Kanji symbols, pending allowance of generic claim 1 which links all species.



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